

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice, and amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A method of feeding a tire component, comprising the steps of:

winding in rolls tubular films formed of thermoplastic elastomer obtained by blending thermoplastic resin and rubber to form rolled bodies having sizes corresponding to different nominal rim diameters of tires;

storing the rolled bodies at least in one storage place;

mounting the stored rolled bodies on unwinding units located at feeding positions for different nominal rim diameters for feeding the stored rolled bodies to a tire building machine;

unwinding the tubular film from the rolled body corresponding to a nominal rim diameter of a green tire when the green tire is built, and cutting the unwound tubular film so as to form a piece having a necessary width corresponding to a size of the green tire to form a tire component; and

feeding the tire component to a tire building machine.

2. (Original) The method of feeding a tire component according to claim 1, wherein the tubular films are formed by means of tubular film extrusion.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of feeding a tire component according to claim 1, wherein the tubular films are wound up in rolls after an adhesive layer is formed on an outer surface of each of the tubular films.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of feeding a tire component according to claim 3, wherein each tubular film and layer are simultaneously formed by extrusion.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of feeding a tire component according to claim 1, comprising the step of unwinding the tubular films from the rolled bodies wound in rolls to apply an adhesive to an outer surface of each of the tubular films, drying the adhesives and rewinding the tubular films with the adhesives in rolls to form adhesive-attached rolled bodies.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of feeding a tire component according to claim 1, wherein the tire building machine is a tire building machine which builds green tires having previously specified different nominal rim diameters, the rolled bodies corresponding to the different nominal rim diameters being placed near the tire building machine, the tire component being formed such that, when a green tire is built, the tubular film unwound from the rolled body corresponding to the nominal rim diameter of the green tire, placed near the tire building machine, is cut so as to form a piece having a necessary width corresponding to a size of the green tire.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of feeding a tire component according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer comprises a component of the thermoplastic resin and components of the rubber dispersed therein.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of feeding a tire component according to claim 1, wherein the tire component is an inner liner.